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SUBJECT: EXIM LOAN TO GECAMINES: BANK OF ZAIRE ACCEPTS FACILITY

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REF: LUBUMBASHI 0378

- 1. FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF LUBUMBASHI 0398 WITH EMBASSY COMMENT:
- 2. GECAMINES FINANCIAL DIRECTOR NORBERT ROCHER VISITED CONSULATE MAY 31 TO REPORT THAT GCM STILL INTERESTED IN EXIM \$20,000,000 LOAN AND ABLE TO PRODUCE LIST OF PRODUCTS TO BE PURCHASED WITH LOAN PROCEEDS AS SOON AS REQUIRED. ROCHER SAID OBSTACLE TO LOAN WAS BANK OF ZAIRE'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PAYMENT FACILITY ON FUTURE LOANS TO ZAIRE.
- 2. ROCHER AGAIN VISITED CONSULATE ON JUNE 6 TO SAY THAT BANK OF ZAIRE HAS NOW ABANDONED ITS OPPOSITION TO PAYMENT FACILITY. ROCHER ASKED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO EXIM: QUOTE WE INFORM YOU THAT MR. SAMBWA,ZAIRE BANK'S GOVERNOR, HAS FINALLY DECIDED THAT THE PROJECT OF EXIMBANK LOAN TO GECAMINES OF U.S. DOLLARS 20 MILLION IS ACCEPTED WITH A FACILITY FUND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH RESOURCES WILL BE PROVIDED BY GECAMINES' SHARE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY FROM EXPORT RECEIPTS. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET IN KINSHASA YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE LOAN AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REGARDS. GCM. UNQUOTE.

4. CONSULATE COMMENT: DECISION BY BANK OF ZAIRE TO ACCEPT PAYMENT FACILITY CAME AS RESULT OF MEETING IN KINSHASA IN

LAST FEW DAYS BETWEEN GECAMINES DELEGATE GENERAL UMBA AND SAMBWA. ACCORDING TO ROCHER, SAMBWA SAID PAYMENT FACILITY FOR GCM LOAN IS LAST SUCH ARRANGEMENT ZAIRE WILL PERMIT ON FOREIGN LOAN. ROCHER EMPHASIZED GCM ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE SIGNING OF LOAN AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, AND ADDED THAT HE FORESEES NO OBSTACLES SO LONG AS GCM LOAN KEPT SEPARATE FROM SNEL-CIS LOAN. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: SAMBWA DID NOT MENTION THIS IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE YESTERDAY. HOWEVER, IF TRUE, IT REPRESENTS A SURPRISE AMELIORATION OF PROBLEM. SUGGEST EXIM BE RESPONSIVE TO GECAMINES' REQUEST. END COMMENT. WALKER

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